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POST YESTERDAY MET FORMALLY WITH THREE OF FOUR PARTICIPANTS SUBJECT GROUP TO DISCUSS ITINERARY AND PROGRAM AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. FOURTH PARTICIPANT, JOSE MARIA PORTELL OF BILBAO, UNAVAILABLE. HOWEVER, PROGRAM AS AGREED TO BY GROUP CONVEYED TO AMCONSUL BILBAO WHO ASSURED US ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES ACCEPTABLE TO PORTELL BASED ON PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH JOURNALIST. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO HOST LUNCH FOR GROUP DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE U.S.

2. BASED ON CONSULTATIONS WITH GROUP, OBJECTIVES OF TRIP DEXCRIBED MADRID 7502, OCT. 28, 1975, REMAIN ACCEPTABLE. PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS CANNOT BE ARRANGED. NEVERTHELESS, IF CONVENIENT AND POSSIBLE, CRESPO WOULD STILL LIKE TO INTERVIEW WRITERS JOHN UPDIKE AND/OR JOHN CHEEVER AND RAMON PI WOULD LIKE PENTAGON BRIEFING ON STRUCTURE US ARMED SERVICES. BOTH REALIZE NEITHER OF THESE ACTIVITIES MAY BE POSSIBLE.
SUGGESTED ITINERARY AND PROGRAM LISTED MADRID 7502 REMAINS GENERALLY VALID BUT HEREWITH REPEATED WITH CHANGES AND ADDITIONS REQUESTED BY GROUP:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - MEET WITH CONGRESSMEN AND

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SENATORS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN RATIFICATION PROCESS OF U.S. - SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION; VISIT HEADQUARTERS OF BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND MEET WITH KEY POLITICAL LEADERS BOTH PARTIES; RECEIVE SENATE BRIEFING ON U.S. - SPANISH RELATIONS; ATTEND STATE AND WHITE HOUSE DAILY PRESS BRIEFINGS; VISIT WASHINGTON POST; IF TIME PERMITS, DISCUSSION WITH LOBBY GROUP SUCH AS NAACP OR COMMON CAUSE. VISIT MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS; POSSIBLY ATTEND CULTURAL EVENT KENNEDY CENTER.

NEW YORK - MEET WITH MAYOR AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL/GOVERNMENT LEADERS; MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES SPANISH-SPEAKING MINORITY GROUPS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS; VISIT HEADQUARTERS TIME MAGAZINE, N.Y. TIMES, AND NEWS DIVISION OF CBS, NBC OR ABC, PREFERABLY DURING NIGHTLY NEWSCAST. VISIT METROPOLITAN AND MODERN ART MUSEUMS; ATTEND CONCERT; TOURISM.

BOSTON - VISIT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND MEET WITH FACULTY MEMBERS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM AND SPANISH AFFAIRS (JUAN MARISCHAL RECOMMENDED). SUGGEST CONTACT SPANISH NMA GRANTEE MANUEL GARCIA ALVARES, WHO PRESENTLY VISITING SCHOLAR IN HARVARD POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY OR TOM CASTRO, HARVARD STUDENT LEADER (CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE 617-498-3052) OF SAME FACULTY. BRIEFINGS RE SCHOOL BUSING PROBLEM AND TOUR OF FREEDOM TRAIL ALSO REQUESTED.

ILLINOIS - MINIMUM THREE DAYS TO OBSERVE PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN SMALL TOWNS AND CHICAGO ON ELECTION DAY. VISIT CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS MAJOR PARTIES, INTERVIEW FORD, REAGAN, CARTER OR OTHER LEADING CANDIDATES IF POSSIBLE; DISCUSSIONS ON HOW CAMPAIGNS ARE ORGANIZED AND ELECTIONS HELD. ATTEND ELECTIONS RETURN CENTER ON ELECTION DAY; HOME HOSPITALITY.

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LOS ANGELES - MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIAL AND REPRESENT-ATIVES CHICANO GROUPS; TOUR DISNEYLAND, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS AND VISIT GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATER; TOUR OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS WHERE MOVIE STARS RESIDE, OTHER TOURISM.

SAN FRANCISCO - SACRAMENTO: MEET WITH GOVERNOR BROWN, MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO; VISIT U.CALIFORNIA AT BER-

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KELEY CAMPUS AND DISCUSS U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM AND SPANISH AFFAIRS; ATTEND ANY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS; TOURISM.

PUERTO RICO - MEET WITH GOVERNOR AND MAYOR OF SAN JUAN AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO INFORM PARTICIPANTS OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ISLAND AND RELATIONSHIP TO MAINLAND U.S.

3. GROUP IS OPEN TO ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE IN LINE WITH ADVANCING PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF TRIP. ADVISE SOONEST STARTING DATE PROGRAM.
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